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FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MU

SUBJECT: HELICOPTER MODIFICATION KITS

REF: ROME 8509, 8592

1. EMBASSY MUSCAT UNABLE TO SHED LIGHT ON ALLEGED BIAS OF BRITISH OFFICERS IN SAF SPECIFICALLY AGAINST AGUSTA BELL. THERE IS LONG-STANDING GENERAL PREDILECTION FOR BRITISH SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT IN CONSIDERING HELICOPTERS, FAIT ACCOMPLI EXISTS: PRESENT FLEET IS ENTIRELY AGUSTA BELL. (FYI: BELL/U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT SAF WILL BE GETTING SOME 212'S BY END OF YEAR. END FYI). HELICOPTERS ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO WAR EFFORT IN DHOFAR, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF LOGISTICS. BRITS (WHO, INTER ALIA, PILOT THIS FLEET) WOULD BE AMONG FIRST TO SUFFER IF EQUIPMENT NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED AND MAINTAINED. HENCE, PRACTICAL RATHER THAN PROVINCIAL CONSIDERATIONS PRESUMABLY MOTIVATE OMANI END OF DIALOGUE.

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ROME'S EFFICIENT HELP IN DETERMINING STATUS OF IR KITS.  
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